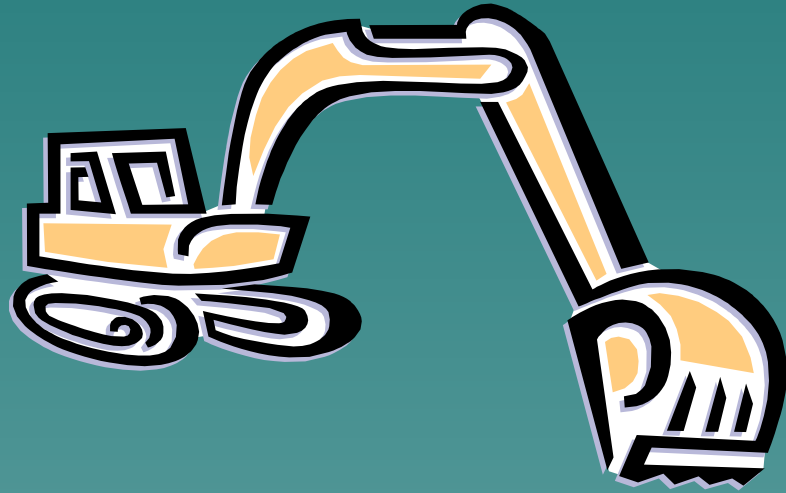


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# Question #1



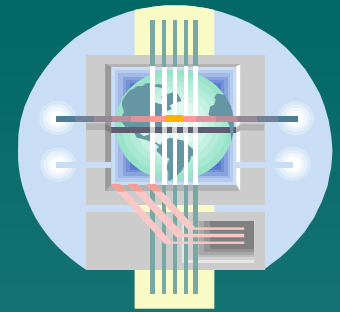
- ◆ *“I’m writing my thesis and I need to know how much foreign aid we have given to Tajikistan for as many years as I could get it and I need it broken down by source of aid.”*

**US loans foreign aid grants**

**U.S. Overseas Loans & Grants Online**

**[Greenbook]** <http://qesdb.cdie.org/gbk/index.html>

# Question #2



- ◆ *“My boss asked me to find out if there are any theses on digital libraries that have been done by military personnel and I need an electronic version.”*

**DTIC's Public STINET site**

**<http://stinet.dtic.mil/>**

**thesis and “digital library”**

# Question #3



- ◆ *“I spent \$100 on my wife’s wedding ring back in 1940 and I want to know how much that \$100 would buy me today.”*

**inflation rate and calculator**

**BLS Inflation Calculator**

<http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/cpicalc.pl>

# Question #4



- ◆ *“My father died recently and left me some old savings bonds and I would like to know what their value is now.”*

**savings bond and calculator**

**Savings Bond Calculator**

<http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov/sav/savcalc.htm>

# Question #5



- ◆ *"I want to find the complete patent for the computer mouse."*

**patent database**

**US Patent and Trademark Office**

<http://www.uspto.gov/patft/index.html>

Computer Mouse Patent no.: 3,541,541 by Douglas Engelbart, granted 1970 -- "X-Y Position Indicator for a Display System" filed 1967

# Question #6



- ◆ *"I'm writing my thesis and I need to know how many non-US citizens from Middle Eastern countries were awarded doctoral degrees in engineering in the past 10 years."*

## **Education Statistics**

### **Digest of Education Statistics**

Chapter 6, International Comparisons only  
does undergraduate

### **NSF - Science and Engineering Doctorate Awards for 2000**

Table 5 --Non-U.S. citizens awarded doctorates in the sciences and in engineering, by country of citizenship, visa type, and year of doctorate: 1991-2000

<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/nsf02305/secta.htm>



# Question #7



- ◆ *"I need a 20 year comparison of the average retail price of unleaded gasoline as well as the price of aviation fuel."*

## **DOE Energy Prices**

### **Retail City average --**

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/mer/txt/mer9-4>

### **Refiner Prices of Aviation Fuels and Kerosene [Petroleum Marketing Monthly] -- [http://www.eia](http://www.eia.doe.gov)**

**[.doe.gov  
/oil\\_gas/petroleum/data\\_publications/petroleum\\_market  
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pmm.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/petroleum_marketing_monthly/pmm.html)**



# Question #8



- ◆ *"I heard there was a 'recent' congressional tribute to Dick Best, regarding his heroism at the Battle of Midway – he was the only American pilot to score two direct hits on Japanese carriers at that battle, how can I find this tribute?"*

## **legislative information**

### **Congressional Record**

#### **LC's Thomas database -- legislative info**

**<http://thomas.loc.gov/>**

**[Congressional Record: March 23, 2000  
(Senate), Page S1664-S1665] 106th Congress**

# Question #9



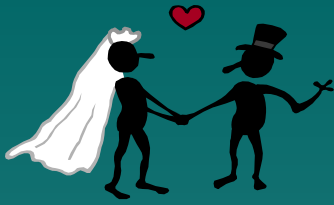
- ◆ *“My son needs to find total health expenditures, as a percent of the GDP, for the US and Japan.”*

## Health, United States

**Health, United States** <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/pubs/pubd/hs/hs.htm>

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hs/hs01.pdf>

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# Question #10



- ◆ *“My daughter is planning a beach wedding in Monterey and wants to know when the sun will be setting on June 14, 2003.”*

**sun rise tables**

**Sun or Moon Rise/Set Tables** [http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS\\_OneYear.html](http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS_OneYear.html)

# Question #11



- ◆ *“The library has been asked to digitize a book that is out of print but is still needed for various classes – how do we confirm who holds the copyright?”*

**copyright records**

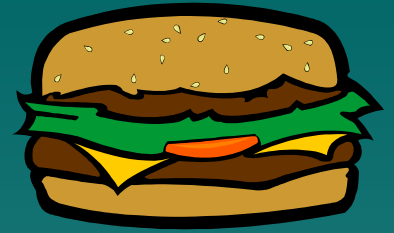
**Copyright**

<http://www.loc.gov/copyright/>

**Search Copyright records**

<http://www.copyright.gov/records/>

# Question #12



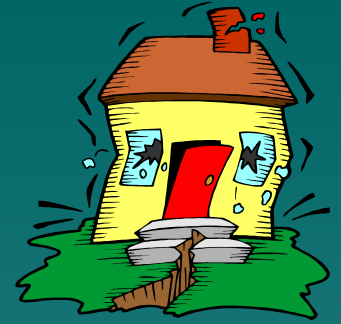
- ◆ *“I just got done eating a Big Mac and was wondering if McDonald’s holds the trademark on the term “BIG MAC ATTACK” – if so, when was it registered?”*

**trademark records**

**TESS [Trademark Electronic Search System]**

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/menu/tm.html>

# Question #13



- ◆ *"I think I just felt an earthquake, where can I go to check?"*

**real time earthquake data**

**Real Time Earthquake Map**

<http://quake.usgs.gov/recenteqs/latest.htm>

**Real Time Seismogram Display**

<http://quake.usgs.gov/recent/helicorders/index.html>

# Question #14



- ◆ *“Where can I find a year by year breakdown by service, by race and by officer or enlisted status for 1970-2000 – all in one source?”*

**military manpower demographics**

**Statistical Abstract of the U.S.**

<http://www.census.gov/statab/www/>

Table 500 DOD Manpower 1950-2000

**Selected Manpower Statistics**

<http://web1.whs.osd.mil/mmids/pubs.htm>

# Question #15



- ◆ *“I need 20 years worth of unemployment statistics – both numbers and percent of the labor force.”*

**Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data**

**Statistical Abstract of the U.S.**

<http://www.census.gov/statab/www/>

Table 567 Employment status of the civilian population: 1960-2000

**BLS Current Pop Survey**

<http://www.bls.gov/cps/>

**Economic report of the President**

Civilian table B-42 & 44

<http://w3.access.gpo.gov/eop/>



# Question #16



- ◆ *“How can I find out how many women, age 50 and over, were arrested for rape in 2000 and are there any trend data?”*

**criminal statistics FBI**

**Uniform Crime Reports**

<http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>

Table 40 - Female by age for 2000

Table 33 - Ten-Year Arrest Trends by Sex 1991-2000

# Question #17



- ◆ *"I want to know the age of military spouses broken down by service and by officer and enlisted status as well as the number of single parent military members by service and rank."*

**military families demographics database**

**Profile of the Military Community: 2000  
Demographics Report**

<http://mfrc.calib.com/pubs.htm>

Section 3 Active Duty Families

# Question #18



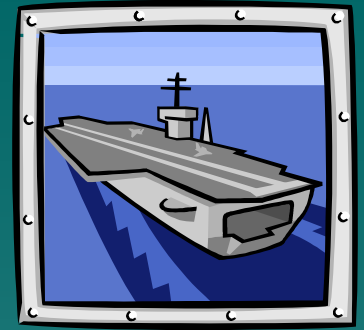
- ◆ *“I work at a homeless shelter and am looking for a banana bread recipe that will feed several hundred people.”*

**recipes navy site:.mil**

**NAVSUP's Naval Logistics Library  
Recipe Repository**

**<http://nll1.ahf.nmci.navy.mil/recipe/>**

# Question #19



- ◆ *“I am trying to find what medals and awards the USS Nimitz has received.”*

**ships medals awards**

**OPNAV NOTE 1650 [Office of the Chief of  
Naval Operations] Unit Awards and  
Citations Master List**

**<http://neds.nebt.daps.mil/o1650.htm>**